

## ***Speakers in order of appearance:***

### ***Rodger McDaniel***



Rodger is the Deputy Director of the Wyoming Department of Health with responsibility for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. He was appointed to that position in December 2006 by Governor Dave Freudenthal. Previously Rodger served four years as the Director of the Department of Family Services. Rodger was elected to the Wyoming legislature at age 22 and served 10 years (1971-1981). Rodger is a lawyer and an ordained minister, having received a law degree from the University of Wyoming in 1980 and a Masters of Divinity degree from the Iliff (eye-liff) School of Theology in 1999.

In January 2005, Rodger was named by the Iliff Alumnae Association as Outstanding Alumnus. He is a Fellow of Cathedral College at National Cathedral in Washington, DC. In 2002, the Wyoming Association of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Centers awarded Rodger its Distinguished Service Award for his work on substance abuse issues. In 2006, Rodger was awarded the “Knighthood of the Child” by Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming for his efforts to improve Wyoming’s child welfare system.

### ***Barry L. Duncan, Psy.D***



Barry L. Duncan, Psy.D., a therapist, trainer, and researcher with over 17,000 hours of clinical experience. Dr. Duncan is the director of the Heart and Soul of Change Project, a practice-driven, training and research initiative that focuses on what works in therapy, and more importantly, how to deliver it on the front lines. He has received numerous awards for his contributions to the mental health field, including the Wright State University School of Professional Psychology’s first annual “Outstanding Alumnus Award,” the Menninger Foundation’s 15th Annual Award for Scientific Writing for the book *The Heart and Soul of Change*, and the Psychotherapy Networker “20th Anniversary All Time Top Ten Award” for the article “Exposing the Mythmakers,” recognizing it as one of the most influential features in the magazine’s history. Barry has over one hundred publications, including fifteen books. His latest books: *The Heroic Client* (2nd edition, Jossey Bass, 2004); *Heroic Clients, Heroic Agencies: Partners for Change* (Revised 2007 E Edition available at [www.heartandsoulofchange.com](http://www.heartandsoulofchange.com)); the 2nd edition of *Brief Intervention for School Problems* (Guilford, 2007); the 2nd edition of *The Heart and Soul of Change: Delivering What Works* (APA, 2010); and the forthcoming, *On Becoming A Better Therapist* (APA, in press). He is the co-developer of the Outcome Rating Scale (ORS), Session Rating Scale (SRS), Child ORS, and Child SRS, measures designed to give clients the voice they deserve and level the therapeutic process, as well as provide clients, clinicians, administrators, and payers with feedback about the client’s response to services, thus enabling more effective care tailored to client preferences. Because of his self help books, he has appeared on “Oprah,” “The View,” and several other national TV programs. His latest self help book, *What’s Right With You*, challenges the business as usual mentality of “What’s wrong with you” and instead demonstrates how to rally natural resources and resiliencies to overcome life challenges. Barry conducts seminars internationally in hopes of inciting insurrection against practices that diminish clients and encouraging therapists to establish their own identity. He can be reached at [barrylduncan@comcast.net](mailto:barrylduncan@comcast.net), [www.whatsrightwithyou](http://www.whatsrightwithyou), and [www.heartandsoulofchange.com](http://www.heartandsoulofchange.com)

### ***Patricia Harris***

### ***Rick Delaney, Ph.D***

Dr. Rick Delaney is a nationally known speaker and consultant to foster, kinship, and adoptive parents. He is currently the clinical director of a community-based residential treatment center for traumatized, multiply impacted, emotionally disturbed children in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. For many years, Dr. Delaney has been a consultant to the Casey Family Programs and other foster care and adoption agencies across the county. He is the author (or co-author) of several books in the area of foster care and adoption, including *Fostering Changes: Myth, Meaning, and Magic Bullets in Attachment Theory* and *Troubled Transplants: Unconventional Strategies for Helping Troubled Foster and Adopted Children*. He is the principal investigator of Foster Parent College ([www.fosterparentcollege.com](http://www.fosterparentcollege.com)), an on-line resource for foster and adoptive parents. He has helped to develop an on-line training series for Portland State University's adoption-competent mental health certificate program. Dr. Delaney is a father, step-father and grandfather and lives in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.

### ***Mark Disselkoen***



Mark Disselkoen, is the Director of Certification for the Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT). He is the director of certification contracts for the States of Wyoming, Nevada and Idaho. He has been responsible for developing a weighted instrument to measure compliance of programs with Wyoming, Nevada and Idaho standards, conducting certification site visits, developing certification policies and procedures guiding the certification process, providing technical assistance to programs on organizational functions and clinical practices, coordinating regional trainings to support the implementation of evidence-based practices, developing a peer review instrument and facilitating peer review site visits to meet Federal Block Grant requirements, and developing funding formulas for residential and outpatient services to support the state in funding decisions.

Prior to this, Mr. Disselkoen was employed by the Nevada Single State Authority (SSA) as: prevention program supervisor, lead accreditor, and certification specialist. These responsibilities provided extensive experience working with prevention and treatment programs in rural/frontier areas. He also served as executive director for a private-sector, publicly funded treatment program. In this position he was responsible for the development and implementation of organizational procedures and clinical services. Mr. Disselkoen has extensive clinical experience as a licensed clinical social worker and licensed alcohol and drug counselor in Nevada. Mr. Disselkoen was also an adjunct faculty member at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and a consultant to states on program certification.

### ***Becky Lancaster***



In her work from the Riverton UPLIFT office as a Family Support Specialist and Regional Team Leader, Becky helps provide service and support to families in the southwest region of the state. Becky obtained a degree in Human Services and is continuing her studies in the fields of Psychology and Criminal Justice. She holds many certificates and accreditations in the areas of parenting and working with children with special needs. Becky has attended many conferences related to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders. Becky leads numerous workshops across the state each year to teach about the effects of alcohol on unborn babies and the strategies to work with the children that are affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders. Becky and her husband Jim, have 8 children and 10 grandchildren. They have an understanding of what it is to watch a child with special needs struggle as they grow as several of their children and grandchildren have been affected with various disorders and medical conditions.

***Karen Gieck***



Karen and her husband are the parents of four children. Their two youngest children are now young adults living with severe emotional disabilities. A 27 year resident of Teton County, Karen has built strong relationships with school personnel, physicians and mental health providers, among others as she has worked through these complex systems on behalf of her children. Now a retired business owner and grandmother of five, Karen combines her compassion and experience to align the care and support your youth and family may need.

***Kayla Williams (appearing at Starfish awards)***